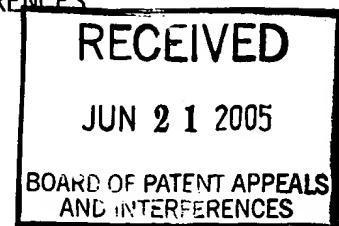


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the Board that Applicant desires to re-open the prosecution of the above application. Applicant has therefore mailed a Request for Continued Examination, together with an Amendment and the required fee, as of June 15, 2005.

Applicant requests that the appeal be withdrawn, and that the application be returned to the Examiner for further action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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